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1. PARA 3 OF REFERENCE. WE ACCEPT UK REDRAFT REPORTED
IN REFERENCE.

2. REFERENCE PARA 5 OF REFERENCE. WE SEE NO PARTICULAR
NEED FOR MORE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER,
SINCE THESE STUDIES ARE CONDUCTED BY EITHER SACEUR OR
SACLANT, WE CAN SUPPORT WHATEVER VIEWS THEY MAY HOLD CON-
CERNING THESE STUDIES. WE AGREE WITH YOUR POSITION THAT
A DECISION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF AN ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY
SHOULD BE AGREED ON IN THE NPG AT PERMREP LEVEL. FYI: WE
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RECOGNIZE THAT THESE STUDIES ARE OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE TO

SOME OF OUR ALLIES; HOWEVER, THERE ARE TASKS CURRENTLY IN
PROGRESS, I.E. THE R AND D BRIEFING, THE STRATEGIC BALANCE
BRIEFING, THE STUDY ON THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY
IMPLICATIONS OF NEW AND IMPROVED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY THAT
HAVE EQUAL OR GREATER EDUCATIONAL VALUE. IN SOME CASES,
DEVELOPMENT OF AN ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY CAN DIVERT VARIOUS
STAFF ELEMENTS OF SACEUR AND SACLANC FROM OTHER MORE
PRODUCTIVE TASKS THAT ARE OF GREATER BENEFIT TO THE DEFENSE
OF NATO. UNLESS SOME PRESSING NEED FOR SUCH A STUDY CAN BE
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED, WE ARE VERY MUCH INCLINED, IN GENERAL,
TO SUPPORT THE VIEWS OF SACEUR AND SACLANC ON THIS SUBJECT.
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